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The following information on Soviet order of battle and activities in the places indicated has been received:

1. Fuerstenwalde
 - a. There are three units in Spreekaserne - one armored, one signal, and one artillery. The tank unit is referred to as the "26th". Personnel of the signal unit wear black-red shoulderboards on duty, but occasionally during the past two months have worn signal corps insignia when they are off duty in the town. The artillery unit is referred to as the "Saressisky."
 - b. In the Fliegerhorst-Kaserne there is a large medical supply dump from which medical supplies are issued to other garrisons. Both the supply depot and the attached laboratory use German labor.
 - c. On 4 October soldiers who have served $3\frac{1}{2}$ years or more will be returned to the Soviet Union. They are already confined in the barracks. Those who have served longer than $3\frac{1}{2}$ years have been punished in this manner for crimes or disciplinary offenses.
 - d. Between Fuerstenwalde and Trebus two masts, one six meters and the other eight meters high, have been erected. Each bears a diamond-shaped antenna. Nearby are four closed vans. The unit stationed at this installation, thought to be some sort of repair station, consists of one lieutenant, one junior lieutenant, and 400 enlisted men who wear signal corps insignia. The commanding officer, who is a major, is currently on leave in the Soviet Union. The unit is subordinate to a larger unit in Treptow and was established here in June 1955. Personnel are now housed in tents, but bunkers are being built nearby.
2. Berkenbrueck
A motor transport depot is located in Berkenbrueck, which is 7.5 km east of Fuerstenwalde.
3. Bad Saarow
Located here is a SAF hospital which employs German civilian personnel.

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